

DVD REVIEW:

2018 Lyrids Folk Dance Festival, 2-DVD set & e-book, produced by **Dale Adamson** (Surrey BC).

The DVDs present the teaching sessions and performances of the incomparable **Cristian Florescu** (Bucharest, Romania) and **Sonia Dion** (Québec, Canada), well-known to the world-wide folk dance community. Multiple camera angles and seamless editing make the dances easy to learn and follow.

Dances include the expected Romanian and French-Canadian, but also some unexpected numbers from Moldavia, Brazil, and elsewhere. Sonia and Cristian continue to expand our dance horizons and movement vocabulary.

Several performances on the DVDs also expanded our dance horizons. *Roma Gry*, a Rom (Gypsy) ensemble from Vancouver, did a number of dances involving remarkable skirt work. Must have been 3 full circles of material in those skirts. A 5- or 6-piece Rom ensemble accompanied the dancers. *Gradina*, a Serbian group, presented 4 dances from various regions of Serbia. The *Philhellenic Folk Dancers* did dances from Epirus and the Aegean Islands.

This year's house band was *Osem i Devet with Miamon Miller*, playing mainly Balkan dances for the Saturday evening party. Many folk dancers will recognize some of the musicians: Michael Lawson, David Bilides, Teodora Dimitrova, Miamon Miller, and Janie Cowan.

Dale and crew have done a great job again, creating this DVD set just as they have done for the previous 4 Lyrids festivals and the 10 Salt Spring Island festivals before that. Kudos to the people who have helped these festivals happen for 15 years. Write Dale for your copy:
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